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Unemployment Rates Up, Jobs Down in January for All State Metro Areas

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	January 2021*	January 2020**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	6.3%	3.2%	3.1
Carbondale-Marion	6.9%	3.7%	3.2
Champaign-Urbana	6.3%	3.1%	3.2
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	9.1%	3.8%	5.3
Danville	8.0%	4.6%	3.4
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	6.8%	4.6%	2.2
Decatur	9.9%	4.8%	5.1
Elgin	8.2%	4.5%	3.7
Kankakee	8.7%	5.1%	3.6
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	7.1%	4.1%	3.0
Peoria	8.2%	4.7%	3.5
Rockford	11.1%	7.6%	3.5
Springfield	7.6%	3.7%	3.9
St. Louis (IL-Section)	6.6%	3.6%	3.0
Illinois Statewide	8.5%	4.0%	4.5
* Preliminary ** Revised			

SPRINGFIELD – The number of nonfarm jobs decreased over-the-year in all fourteen Illinois metropolitan areas in January, according to preliminary data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). The unemployment rate increased over-the-year in all metro areas. The official, BLS approved sub-state unemployment rate and nonfarm jobs series begins in 1990. Data reported prior to 1990 are not directly comparable due to updates in methodology.

“The Pritzker administration remains steadfast in providing support and services to individuals impacted by this pandemic more than a year later,” said **Deputy Governor Dan Hynes**. “As IDES works to rollout the new extensions provided in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to ensure eligible claimants have access to benefits, they will continue to provide job-matching resources to individuals as the economy works to recover statewide.”

The number of nonfarm jobs decreased in all fourteen

Illinois metropolitan areas. The metro areas which had the largest over-the-year percentage decreases in total nonfarm jobs were the Kankakee MSA (-9.8%, -4,500), the Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metropolitan Division (-9.1%, -342,700) and the Elgin Metropolitan Division (-8.4%, -21,400). Three metro areas recorded their lowest total nonfarm jobs for the month of January on record (dating back to 1990).

Over-the-year, the unemployment rate increased in all 14 metropolitan areas; the metro areas with the largest unemployment rate increases were the Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metropolitan Division (+5.3 points to 9.1%), the Decatur MSA (+5.1 points to 9.9%) and the Springfield MSA (+3.9 points to 7.6%). The not seasonally adjusted Illinois unemployment rate was 8.5 percent in January 2021. Nationally, the not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.8 percent in January 2021.

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) –January 2021

Metropolitan Area	January 2021*	January 2020**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	84,700	91,000	-6,300
Carbondale-Marion MSA	53,100	56,400	-3,300
Champaign-Urbana MSA	107,800	116,600	-8,800
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,413,300	3,756,000	-342,700
Danville MSA	25,900	26,700	-800
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	171,400	182,900	-11,500
Decatur MSA	45,800	49,500	-3,700
Elgin Metro Division	232,900	254,300	-21,400
Kankakee MSA	41,200	45,700	-4,500
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	387,200	412,300	-25,100
Peoria MSA	155,600	167,500	-11,900
Rockford MSA	135,900	147,300	-11,400
Springfield MSA	98,600	107,000	-8,400
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	224,200	236,500	-12,300
Illinois Statewide	5,532,000	6,032,500	-500,500
*Preliminary **Revised			

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**Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates
(percent) for Local Counties and Areas**

Labor Market Area	Jan 2021	Jan 2020	Over the Year Change
IL Section of St. Louis MSA			
Bond County	6.6 %	3.6 %	3.0
Calhoun County	6.5 %	4.5 %	2.0
Clinton County	4.6 %	3.1 %	1.5
Jersey County	6.0 %	4.1 %	1.9
Macoupin County	6.2 %	4.0 %	2.2
Madison County	6.3 %	3.4 %	2.9
Monroe County	4.2 %	2.7 %	1.5
St. Clair County	7.6 %	3.8 %	3.8
Cities			
Alton City	9.1 %	4.2 %	4.9
Belleville City	8.3 %	3.8 %	4.5
Collinsville City	7.0 %	3.6 %	3.4
East St. Louis City	11.9 %	5.6 %	6.3
Edwardsville City	4.6 %	2.4 %	2.2
Granite City	7.7 %	3.6 %	4.1
O'Fallon City	6.3 %	3.4 %	2.9
Counties			
Greene County	6.2 %	4.0 %	2.2
Randolph County	5.6 %	3.5 %	2.1
Washington County	4.0 %	2.3 %	1.7
Other Areas			
LWIA 21	6.5 %	4.3 %	2.2
LWIA 22	6.3 %	3.5 %	2.8
LWIA 24	6.6 %	3.5 %	3.1
Southwestern EDR	6.5 %	3.5 %	3.0

Metro East Highlights

The January 2021 unemployment rate for the Illinois Section of the St. Louis Metropolitan Statistical Area was 6.6 percent. The over-the-year rate increased +3.0 percentage points from the January 2020 rate of 3.6 percent. The data is not seasonally adjusted.

The labor force decreased by -12,127 to 330,720 in January 2021 from 342,847 in January 2020. The number of employed individuals decreased by -21,626 to 308,989 in January 2021 from 330,615 in January 2020. In January 2021, there were 21,731 unemployed people in the labor force. This is an increase of +9,499 compared to the 12,232 unemployed in January 2020.

The number of total nonfarm jobs was 224,175 compared to January 2020, which is a decrease of -12,275.

Employment declined in Leisure and Hospitality (-5,025), Educational and Health Services (-3,575), Government (-2,125), Other Services (-1,250), Manufacturing (-750), Construction (-675), Financial Activities (-525), Information (-275), and Natural Resources and Mining (-75).

Payrolls increased in Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (+1,500), and Professional and Business Services (+450).

Note: Monthly 2020 unemployment rates and total nonfarm jobs for Illinois metro areas were revised in February and March 2021, as required by the U.S. BLS. Comments and tables distributed for prior metro area news releases should be discarded as any records or historical analysis previously cited may no longer be valid.

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